

**CAPTAIN ABDULLA MIZEAD**  
**2019 Recipient**  
**LTG Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence**



CPT Abdulla Mizead was born in Baghdad, Iraq, and first worked as a linguist with US forces in 2003. He enlisted in the US Army as an Infantryman in 2010 and deployed as a Team Leader to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2011. In 2012, he earned his commission as a Military Intelligence Officer. His assignments included Assistant S-2, 1-187 Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (AASLT); Iraq Advisor to the Commanding General of 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command-Iraq during Operation INHERENT RESOLVE; and Intelligence Analyst and Team Chief, US Central Command (USCENTCOM).

In mid-2017, CPT Mizead served as the Cultural Advisor to the Commanding General (CG) of III Corps and Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF)-Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) in Iraq and Syria, filling an O-5 joint billet. He briefed Congressional, USCENTCOM, and CJTF-OIR leaders on critical developments in the Area of Operations and facilitated Key Leader Engagements with senior regional political and military leaders. When Iraqi and Kurdish Security Forces clashed in October 2017, threatening to destabilize Iraq and disrupt the Defeat-ISIS mission, the CJTF-OIR CG sponsored an initiative to end hostilities. CPT Mizead convinced Iraq's Prime Minister and Chief of Defense and the Minister of Peshmerga to agree to a ceasefire. His critical role in the US-sponsored negotiations was instrumental to preventing a potential civil war in Northern Iraq. CPT Mizead also assisted Department of State, Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq, and the Iraqi Prime Minister's Office in signing the \$1.1 billion US Loan to develop the Iraqi Security Forces. Due to his efforts, Iraq agreed to share detained foreign terrorist fighters' critical information and biometric data with the US to enable exploitation of vital information on terrorist networks.

CPT Mizead currently serves as the Senior Intelligence Analyst for the Security Forces Team in USCENTCOM.

CPT Mizead's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Air Assault Badge. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's in English from Baghdad University, a Master's in Journalism from Columbia University, and an Associate's degree in Intelligence Studies from Cochise College.